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FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF LODGES

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

SUBORDINATE TO AND WORKING UNDER THE

GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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ARTICLE I.—LODGES.

NAME.

SEC. 1. Each Lodge shall be known and designated by the name and number contained in its charter or dispensation, which name and number shall not be changed without a regular dispensation from the Grand Lodge, or the Grand Chancellor during recess.

MEMBERSHIP AND DURATION.

SEC. 2. A Lodge shall never consist of less than ten members of the Knight Rank, including one qualified to preside, and whenever the membership of a Lodge is reduced to less than that number, it shall be the duty of the Chancellor Commander and other members of such Lodge to surrender to the Grand Chancellor, or his Deputy, the charter, paraphernalia, and records, and all property and effects of the Lodge. Also they shall possess all the powers and privileges of a Subordinate Lodge within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias of British Columbia, under whose authority it shall exist so long as it acts in conformity with its charter, and complies with the laws of the Order as promulgated by the Grand Lodge.

REGULAR MEETINGS.

SEC. 3. Each Lodge shall hold stated meetings at least once a week, at such hour as may from time to time be determined upon; provided, that the Grand Lodge, or the Grand Chancellor during recess, may, by a regular dispensation, allow a Lodge to meet at longer intervals, to be therein specified.

SPECIAL MEETINGS.

SEC. 4. Special meetings may be held at such times as the business of the Lodge may require. Such meetings may be called by the Chancellor Commander at his own discretion, and he must call a special meeting whenever requested to do so, in writing, by five members of the Lodge in good standing; such special meetings may also be provided for by a vote of the Lodge at any previous meeting. The call or resolution providing for such special meeting must specify the business to be considered, which may include the proper conferring of ranks, and the Lodge shall be confined to that business alone, at such meeting.

QUORUM.

SEC. 5. Not less than seven members of a Lodge shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, including one qualified to preside, and if seven members only be present, no appropriation of money shall be made, unless it be by unanimous consent.

OPENING.

SEC. 6. Every Lodge shall be opened promptly at the time appointed, and in the absence of the Chancellor Commander, the Vice-Chancellor shall preside; and in the absence of both, the Senior Past Chancellor shall preside; and if no Past Chancellor be present, a Knight may be called to the chair by a majority of the members of the Lodge then present.

TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS.

SEC. 7. The Lodge shall transact all its business in the Knight Rank, except when conferring the rank of Page or Esquire, and when proceeding with the trial of a Page or Esquire, upon charges preferred.

ARTICLE II.—OFFICERS.

ELECTIVE OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The officers of a Lodge shall be as provided in the Ritual of the Order. The elective officers shall be the Chancellor Commander, Vice-Chancellor, Prelate and Master-at-Arms, who shall be elected semi-annually, at the last stated convention in May and November; and the Keeper of Records and Seal, Master of Finance, and Master of Exchequer, who shall be elected annually at the last stated convention in November, and Grand Lodge Representatives as herein provided for. The retiring Chancellor Commander shall assume the station of Past Chancellor.

APPOINTIVE OFFICERS.

SEC. 2. The appointive officers shall be the Inner and Outer Guards, who shall be appointed by the newly elected Chancellor Commander on the night of installation.

WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO OFFICE.

SEC. 3. Any Knight in good standing who has served one full term in any elective office shall be eligible to the office of Chancellor Commander or Vice-Chancellor; *provided, however*, that if all qualified decline to serve, any member who shall have attained the Knight Rank, shall be eligible.

GRAND LODGE REPRESENTATIVES.

SEC. 4. A Subordinate Lodge shall be entitled to such representation in the Grand Lodge as shall be prescribed by the Grand Lodge Constitution. Past Chancellors only shall be eligible to the office of Representative to the Grand Lodge except in the case of a newly formed Lodge. The nomination and election of Representatives shall be conducted in the manner prescribed for the nomination and election of Subordinate Lodge officers, and the election shall be held at the first stated convention in the month of January of each year. A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary to elect. The term of office of said Representative shall continue for two years from the date of his election. Immediately after the election, it shall be the duty of the Chancellor Commander and Keeper of Records and Seal to issue a credential certi-

cate to the Representative-elect, in duplicate, giving the duplicate to the Representative-elect, and forwarding the original to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal. At the next annual election of Grand Lodge Representatives, the Subordinate Lodges shall elect, as nearly as may be, one half the number to which they may be entitled, for the term of two years and the other half for one year, thereafter Grand Representatives shall be elected for the term of two years, to fill the place of the retiring Grand Representatives at the first convention in January of each year as hereinbefore provided, so that half of the Grand Representatives may hold over for one year. At the organization of a new Lodge, all Knights in good standing are eligible to the office of Grand Representative and all Lodge offices.

ALTERNATE GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

SEC. 4A. For the Representatives elected, as in the foregoing, there shall also be elected, at the same meeting and in the same manner, alternate Representatives, who shall be entitled to like credentials and to admission to the Grand Lodge, with all the rights and privileges of a Representative, in case the regular Representatives for any cause fail to attend the Grand Lodge.

PAST CHANCELLOR.

SEC. 5. At the organization of a new Lodge, any Knight in good standing may be elected Past Chancellor; afterward the outgoing Chancellor Commander shall take the position of Past Chancellor, and upon the installation of his successor as Chancellor Commander, is entitled to the rank and title of Past Chancellor, and shall serve as Sitting Past Chancellor of the Lodge for the ensuing term.

NOMINATIONS.

SEC. 6. Nominations for the elective offices may be made on the night preceding and on the night of the election, except to fill a vacancy.

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SEC. 7. On the night of election, the nomination for each office shall be immediately succeeded by the election for the

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member present in good standing shall be entitled to vote.
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counted; every member shall vote unless excused by the
Chancellor Commander. The name of the nominee receiving
the lowest number of votes in any ballot, when more than two
are in nomination, shall be withdrawn before the balloting is
renewed.

INSTALLATION.

SEC. 8. Officers shall be installed at the first regular
meeting in the months of January and July, if unforeseen
circumstances do not prevent. No officer shall be installed
unless he has fully paid to his Lodge the amount of all dues
and claims of whatsoever nature then accrued against him;
nor shall any officer retain his seat if he is in arrears in a sum
equal to the amount of five months' dues; nor shall any officer
elect be installed until he has proven, to the satisfaction of
the installing officer that he is in possession of the ritualistic
and secret work, and qualified to convey it in an intelligent
manner.

HONORS OF OFFICE.

SEC. 9. No officer shall receive or be entitled to the
honors of his office unless he has served a majority of the
nights of the term, or the portion of the term for which he
was elected or appointed. The last night of his service to be
the last night of the term. *Provided, however,* that any
officer that may be absent by reason of sickness of self or
family shall be marked-as present.

VACATING OFFICE.

SEC. 10. Whenever an officer absents himself from the
Lodge for four consecutive meetings without leave of absence,
his office may be declared vacant by a vote of two-thirds of
the members of the Lodge present; *provided, however,* that a
resolution, in writing, declaring such office vacant, must first
be presented to the Lodge, in open meeting, and lie over at
least one week before action thereon, and notice thereof, in
writing, given to such officer by the Keeper of Records and

Seal of the Lodge, such notice to be given personally or by registered letter addressed to him at his last recorded post office address.

VACANCIES.

SEC. 11. Vacancies in offices caused by death, removal, suspension, resignation or otherwise, may be filled at the same meeting at which the vacancy occurs, or is officially announced to the Lodge, or at any subsequent meeting thereafter. All vacancies shall be filled in the manner that the original selection was made, the officer so chosen to serve the residue of the term, and officers so serving shall be entitled to the honors of the office.

INSTALLATION FOR VACANCIES.

SEC. 12. Whenever a person is elected or appointed to fill a vacancy in any office, he shall be installed by the Grand Chancellor or his deputy.

ARTICLE III.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

PAST CHANCELLOR.

SEC. 1. The Junior Past Chancellor shall perform such duties as may be required of him by the Ritual of the Order or the By-Laws of the Lodge.

CHANCELLOR COMMANDER.

SEC. 2. The Chancellor Commander shall preside at all meetings of the Lodge, and preserve order and decorum therein, to decide all questions of order, subject to appeal from his decision to the Lodge; appoint all appointive officers and the chairman and majority of all committees, unless otherwise ordered by the Lodge; appoint on the last meeting night but one of the term, a committee to audit the books and accounts of the various officers; appoint officers in case of the temporary absence or disqualification of any officer; sign all orders on the Master of Exchequer, which are ordered by the Lodge, and all other papers that require his signature to authenticate; have the casting vote on all questions before the Lodge, in which there may be an equal division of members, except in the election of officers and appeals from his

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the Order, and prevent innovations in the Lodge; he shall
never allow the Lodge to be opened unless he is satisfied that
none are present but qualified brothers; and shall perform
such other duties as may be required of him by the Lodge or
the laws of the Order, or the By-Laws of the Lodge; it shall
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the installation of officers for the succeeding term.

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VICE-CHANCELLOR.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Vice-Chancellor to
assist the Chancellor Commander in preserving order and
decorum in the Lodge; aid him in conducting the ceremonies,
to preside in the absence of the Chancellor Commander, and
perform in such case all the duties of the Chancellor Com-
mander; appoint a minority of all committees not otherwise
ordered, and have charge of the wicket, and to perform such
other duties as may be required of him by the Lodge or the
laws of the Order, or the By-Laws of the Lodge.

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SEC. 4. The Prelate shall assist in the ceremonies of the
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KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL.

SEC. 5. The Keeper of Records and Seal shall keep a
just and true record of all the proceedings of the Lodge;
make out semi-annual returns to the Grand Lodge; notify
the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and the Keepers of
Records and Seal of all other Lodges in this Grand Jurisdic-
tion, of all rejections of applicants for membership, and of
the suspension and re-instatement of members; and take
charge of the seal of the Lodge and all correspondence and
the records of the Lodge; send out all notices except notice
of dues. He shall enter on the Black Book the names of
all suspended and re-instated members, and all rejected

candidates for membership, as they are received from the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, or the Keeper of Records and Seal of any other Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction, and at the end of each term, make out and present to the Lodge, at the first meeting of the ensuing term, and prior to the installation of officers for such term, a semi-annual report and returns in such form and in such manner as the Grand Lodge may require, for which the Grand Lodge will furnish blanks, and deliver a duplicate of such report and returns, properly attested, together with a proper warrant for the per capita tax (if the same has not already been paid to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal) to the installing officer before the ceremony of the installation; or, he may send the original semi-annual report and returns and the per capita tax to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal by post office money order, express, or registered letter, and keep a copy of all correspondence in a copy book to be provided by the Subordinate Lodge; deliver over to his successor, when installed, all books, papers and property belonging to the Lodge; and perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Lodge or the laws of the Order, or the By-Laws of the Lodge.

MASTER OF FINANCE.

SEC. 6. The Master of Finance shall keep the accounts between the Lodge and its members, and the accounts of the Lodge, and deliver the same over to his successor, when installed, receive and receipt for all moneys paid to the Lodge, and pay the same immediately over to the Master of Exchequer, taking his receipt therefor; notify all members of their standing at least two weeks before the end of each term; he shall at the end of each term, furnish the Keeper of Records and Seal, a list of all delinquent members, and a list of all Past Chancellors not entitled to seats in the Grand Lodge, and make out at the end of each term and present to the Keeper of Records and Seal a semi-annual report, and present a similar report to the Lodge at the first convention of the ensuing term, prior to the installation of the officers for such term; it shall be the duty of the Master of Finance of every Subordinate Lodge at the end of every semi-annual term to report to the section of the Endowment Rank to which such Lodge may be tributary, a full list of names of

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any cause; and perform such other duties as may be required
of him by the Lodge, or the laws of the Order, or the By-
Laws of the Lodge. He shall give such bonds as the Lodge
may require, conditioned for the faithful performance of his
duties.

MASTER OF EXCHEQUER.

SEC. 7. The Master of Exchequer shall receive all moneys
collected by the Master of Finance and give his receipt there-
for; keep an exact and true account of all moneys so received
and of all disbursements by the Lodge, which shall be entered
in a book furnished by the Lodge, for that purpose; he shall
make no disbursements unless authorized so to do by the
Lodge, under a proper warrant signed by the Chancellor
Commander, and attested by the Keeper of Records and
Seal, and under the seal of the Lodge; he shall, at the end of
each term, make out and present to the Keeper of Records
and Seal a semi-annual report, and present a similar report
to the Lodge, at the first meeting of the ensuing term prior
to the installation of the officers for such term; on the in-
stallation of his successor he shall deliver to him all moneys,
books and accounts, in his possession, belonging to the Lodge,
or under his control; and perform such other duties as may
be required of him by the Lodge, or laws of the Order, or the
By-Laws of the Lodge. He shall give a bond in such sum as
the Lodge may require, conditioned for the faithful perform-
ance of his duties.

MASTER-AT-ARMS.

SEC. 8. The Master-at-Arms, shall have charge of the
properties and paraphernalia of the Lodge, and be responsible
for the safe-keeping thereof; and perform the duties laid down
in the Ritual, and such other duties as may be required by
the Lodge, or the laws of the Order, or the By-Laws of the
Lodge.

INNER AND OUTER GUARD.

SEC. 9. The Inner and Outer Guards shall perform such
duties as are required by the Ritual of the Order, or by the
Lodge or the laws of the Order, or the By-Laws of the Lodge.

ATTENDANTS.

SEC. 10. The Attendants shall perform such duties as are required by the Ritual of the Order, or by the Lodge or the laws of the Order, or the By-Laws of the Lodge.

GRAND LODGE REPRESENTATIVES.

SEC. 11. The Grand Lodge Representatives shall receive the instructions of their Lodge and faithfully represent its interests in the Grand Lodge; and perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Lodge or the laws of the Order, or the By-Laws of the Lodge. In case of a vacancy a written certificate of the Past Chancellor elected to fill the same must state the removal or resignation of his predecessor.

ARTICLE IV.—TRUSTEES.

ELECTION.

SEC. 1. There shall be three Trustees of the Lodge, elected in like manner as the elective officers, whose term of office shall be three years, except when elected to fill a vacancy. One shall be elected annually, at the first stated convention in December in each year, and the term so arranged that the time of one Trustee shall expire at each annual election.

POWERS.

SEC. 2. The Trustees shall have the title to, and the general control and custody of the property of the Lodge, and of the investment of funds of the Lodge as may be set apart for that purpose, and shall manage the same in such manner as may be prescribed by the Lodge.

REPORT.

SEC. 3. The Trustees shall make report to the Lodge whenever they deposit, invest or withdraw the funds of the Lodge, or any portion thereof, and be subject to the will of the Lodge in all matters pertaining to the Lodge funds, and the By-Laws of the Lodge.

BONDS.

SEC. 4. Before entering upon the duties of the office, they shall give such bonds as the Lodge may require, conditioned upon the faithful performance of their duties.

ELIGIBILITY.

SEC. 5. The Chancellor Commander, Vice-Chancellor, Master of Exchequer, Master of Finance and the Keeper of Records and Seal are not eligible for Trustees.

ARTICLE V.—MEMBERSHIP AND RANKS.

TERMS OF.

SEC. 1. No person shall be initiated into a Lodge of the Order, who is over the age of fifty years, unless by dispensation from the Grand Chancellor or his Deputy, nor who is under twenty-one years of age, nor unless he is a white male of good moral character, sound in health and a believer in a Supreme Being, nor unless he has resided in this jurisdiction for not less than six months prior to the date of his application for membership, except in the case of a brother joining by card, in which case a residence of three months is necessary, and having some visible and legitimate means of support. Each Lodge shall fix a fee for each rank at such a sum as may seem proper; provided, however, that in no case shall the fee be fixed at less than seven (7) dollars for the rank of Page, nor less than four (4) dollars each for the ranks of Esquire and Knight.

APPLICATIONS FOR INITIATION.

SEC. 2. Every application for initiation must be in writing, stating his age, residence and occupation, and signed by the applicant in his own hand, and endorsed by two Knights in good standing, who are members of the Lodge, which must be entered on the records, and the petition referred to a committee for investigation (neither of whom shall have recommended him), whose duty it shall be to report orally and in writing upon the character and qualification of the applicant at the next regular meeting; a notice of the application shall also be sent by the Keeper of Records and Seal, to every other Lodge of the Order in the same city or town where two or more Lodges exist. The applicant shall then, after two weeks, be balloted for by secret ballot, and if approved, he may be admitted. All applications for membership must be accompanied by the initiation fee, and also by a certificate of

a physician, to be chosen by the Lodge, certifying to the applicant's good health, and that he is free from any constitutional disease or hereditary tendencies to disease. *Persons unable to read and write are not eligible to membership in the Order.* All applications for initiation must be presented to a Lodge within the county or district in which the petitioner resides, unless some Lodge in an adjoining county or district is more convenient to the petitioner, in which case a certificate must be obtained from the Lodge nearest the residence of the applicant, and within his county or district, consenting to the presentation of his application to such other Lodge.

APPLICATIONS FOR RANKS.

SEC. 3. Applications for the Esquire and Knight Ranks may be made in writing or orally, in open Lodge, and a record thereof must be entered upon the minutes of the Lodge. All such applications must be accompanied by the necessary fee for such ranks.

APPLICATIONS TO LIE OVER.

SEC. 4. All applications shall lie over for two weeks before being balloted upon, but the rank may be conferred at the same meeting at which the balloting is held; provided, that this section does not apply to the first four meeting nights of a new Lodge, or to cases where dispensations are granted by the Grand Lodge, the Grand Chancellor or his Deputy.

BALLOTING.

SEC. 5. In balloting upon any application for membership or ranks, should more than two black balls appear on the first ballot, the applicant shall be declared rejected, but if only two black balls appear on the first ballot upon the application, the ballot shall be renewed immediately, should two or more black balls appear on the second ballot, he shall be declared rejected, and no other ballot shall be taken in his case for the space of six months thereafter. Each rank shall be balloted for separately, and a separate ballot must be taken upon the application of each person. An unfavorable ballot cannot be reconsidered.

CONFERRING RANKS.

SEC. 6. One week must elapse between the conferring of the ranks in all cases, except the first four meetings of a new Lodge; except when dispensations are granted by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Chancellor or his Deputy. But in every instance two weeks must elapse between the application and the conferring of the rank of Page, in cities or towns where two or more Lodges exist, and in cities or towns where only one Lodge exists one week must elapse between the application and the conferring of the rank of Page.

APPLICATION BY CARD.

SEC. 7. Any brother of the Order in good standing, desirous of becoming a member of a Lodge, shall make application as in the case of an uninitiated person, and accompany the same with his withdrawal card from the Lodge of which he was last a member, or the card granted by the Grand Lodge in lieu thereof, together with a fee to be fixed by the Lodge, by a proper By-Law, provided, that such a fee shall not be less than two (2) dollars; which application shall be referred to a Committee of three, whose duty it shall be to report as to the standing and qualification of the applicant at the second regular convention, and the Keeper of Records and Seal of the Lodge receiving such application must also communicate, under seal of the Lodge, from which the card is issued as to the character of the applicant, as well as to notify all other Lodges in cities or towns where two or more Lodges exist of the application. The application shall also be accompanied by a physician's certificate, as in the case of an application for membership by initiation. The brother shall then be balloted for by secret ballot, as in the case of an initiate, and with like result; and if approved he shall sign the Roster of the Lodge, and become a member thereof from the date of his acceptance.

PAST RANK.

SEC. 8. All members having attained Past Rank in another jurisdiction, and affiliating with a Lodge in this jurisdiction, shall file with the Keeper of Records and Seal a certificate of Past Rank or a Rank Credential, showing the date when such rank was attained, which certificate shall

immediately be forwarded to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and no member shall be entitled to the honors of such rank, until such certificate has been properly filed.

WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION.

Sec. 9. No proposition for membership shall be withdrawn except by consent of the Lodge after it has been referred to a committee, and all cases so referred shall be balloted upon after the report of the committee, whether it be favorable or unfavorable.

NON-RESIDENT APPLICANTS.

Sec. 10. A candidate for membership residing in a Grand Jurisdiction other than the one in which his proposition is offered, shall not be initiated without the written consent of the Grand Chancellor of such Grand Jurisdiction. No rank shall be conferred on a brother who is a non-resident of the Jurisdiction, or who is a member of another Lodge, without first obtaining the permission of the Lodge to which the brother is attached.

NOTICE OF BALLOT.

Sec. 11. When an applicant is balloted for, the Keeper of Records and Seal shall give him notice of his election or rejection. If rejected, the amount accompanying his application shall be returned to him, and a notice sent to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal of the rejection, as well as to the other Lodges in the jurisdiction, which notice shall be known as black-book notices, giving name, age, and occupation, and copy of the same shall be entered in the black book kept for that purpose.

TIME FOR APPEARANCE.

Sec. 12. Unless prevented by sickness or some unavoidable circumstance every person elected to membership or to receive any rank, must present himself to the Lodge within a period of three months from the date he is notified of such election, to receive the rank, or complete his membership, as the case may be, and in case he fails so to do, he may be required by the Lodge to submit to a new medical examination and ballot before receiving the rank, or completing his membership.

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SEC. 13. No person elected to membership, or to receive any rank shall, in any event, be entitled to the return of the fee paid therefor, but the same shall be retained by and belong to the Lodge, and in case the applicant fails to present himself to receive the rank or complete his membership within the time prescribed in Sec. 12 of this article, one year from the date of notice of his election, the Lodge may declare the election void, and his right to receive the rank or complete his membership forfeited.

PAYMENT.

SEC. 14. No rank shall be conferred, under any pretense whatever, unless the same shall have been previously paid for.

NOTICE, HOW GIVEN.

SEC. 15. Notices herein provided for may be given personally, or by mail, to the post office address named in the application.

ARTICLE VI.—DUES, FINES, AND ASSESSMENTS.

DUES.

SEC. 1. Each Lodge shall regulate its own dues; provided, that dues shall not be charged against Pages or Esquires.

WHEN TO COMMENCE.

SEC. 2. Dues shall commence from the first day of the month in which the member attains the Knight Rank. If it be prior to the 15th of the month, otherwise they shall commence on the first day of the following month.

WHEN PAYABLE.

SEC. 3. Dues for each month shall be payable on the first of the month, when not so paid they become delinquent.

FINES.

SEC. 4. All fines imposed upon a member for any cause shall be charged against him as dues, and shall be considered

as such in all matters relating to the standing, suspension or re-instatement of such member, and his right to benefits.

ASSESSMENTS.

SEC. 5. Should the funds of the Lodge become exhausted the Lodge may, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, levy assessments upon each member of the Lodge to provide funds to pay weekly or funeral benefits, or the actual necessary expenses of the Lodge, but no motion or proposition to levy such assessment shall be decided at the same meeting at which it may be made, nor shall any such motion be made, or entertained, except at a regular stated convention of the Lodge; all such assessments shall be due immediately, and shall be at once charged against the members as dues, and shall be considered as such in all matters relating to the standing, suspension or re-instatement of members, and their right to benefits.

OF SICK MEMBERS.

SEC. 6. A brother, while receiving benefits from his Lodge, cannot become in arrears for dues, fines or assessments so as to be debarred from benefits on that account. It shall be the duty of the Lodge to deduct from the amount of his benefits and place to his credit a sufficient sum to keep him in good standing as a beneficiary member.

OF SUSPENDED MEMBERS.

SEC. 7. Members suspended for any cause other than non-payment of dues shall be charged with, and must pay dues, fines and assessments during the term of such suspension the same as other members, and shall be suspended for non-payment thereof, the same as other members.

PAYMENT OF.

SEC. 8. The Master of Finance must credit all payment made by a member in the order in which they are made, and upon the day the money is received by him, except in the case of absent members, who may send money to him by draft or money order, payable to the Master of Finance, or by express or registered letter, in which case the member shall be credited as of the date of depositing the money in the express

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DELINQUENCY.

SEC. 9. A Knight indebted to his Lodge for dues, fines and assessments, or either, in a sum equal to the amount of five months' dues, shall not be entitled to receive the semi-annual password, or to receive any weekly or funeral benefits, and shall not be entitled to vote, and be disqualified for office, nor shall he again become entitled to benefits, until the full sum charged against him on the books of the Lodge is paid. Upon the payment of said amount, he shall remain debarred from full benefits for the probationary period prescribed in the By-Laws of the Lodge; but he shall be entitled to the minimum sum of one dollar per week for sick benefit, and the funeral benefit of twenty dollars from the date of the payment of indebtedness; and all members in arrears for dues, fines and assessments, or either, in a sum equal to the amount of twelve months' dues, shall be suspended, as hereinafter provided.

ARTICLE VII.—SUSPENSIONS.

WHEN AND HOW.

SEC. 1. Whenever a member is in arrears to his Lodge for dues, fines, and assessments, or either, in a sum equal to the amount of one year's dues, he shall be notified thereof by the Keeper of Records and Seal, and if, at the expiration of one month thereafter, the member is still indebted to his Lodge in a sum equal to the amount of one year's dues, as above provided, he shall be declared suspended by the Chancellor Commander, in open Lodge, and record thereof made on the minutes of the Lodge; provided, that the member is not then under charges. If he be under charges, the action upon his suspension shall await the final disposition of the charges.

FOR CONVICTION OF FELONY.

SEC. 2. Whenever it shall come to the knowledge of the Chancellor Commander of a Lodge that any member thereof has been finally convicted of any felony, it shall be his duty

to at once procure and present to the Lodge a certified copy of the final judgment of such conviction, whereupon the name of such member shall be at once stricken from the Roster of the Lodge, and his membership in the Order shall cease, and his connection with such Lodge terminate as of the date of such conviction; and notice of such action shall be given forthwith by the Keeper of Records and Seal and the Keepers of Records and Seal of the other Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction, to such convicted member, and also transmitted to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, as in the case of suspension.

NOTICES.

SEC. 3. All notices required by this Article to be sent to the member, shall be sufficient if deposited in the post office, with the postage prepaid thereon, addressed to the member at his last recorded post office address.

ARTICLE VIII — RE-INSTATEMENT.

WITHIN ONE YEAR.

SEC. 1. A member suspended for non-payment of dues desiring to be re-instated at any time within one year from the date of his suspension, shall make application therefor in writing, and pay to the Lodge the amount of all dues, fines and assessments charged against him at the time of his suspension, and if two-thirds of the members present vote in favor of his re-instatement, he shall forthwith be declared re-instated, and shall again become a member of the Lodge from that date. If more than one third of the members present vote against him, he shall be declared rejected, and the money accompanying his application shall be returned to him, and no further application from him shall be considered for six months thereafter.

AFTER ONE YEAR.

SEC. 2. A member suspended for non-payment of dues desiring to be re-instated at any time after one year from the date of his suspension, shall make application in writing, and pay all dues, fines and assessments charged against him at the time of his suspension, and his application shall be accom-

panied by a certificate of the Medical Examiner of the Lodge as to his health; or if he be out of the jurisdiction of the Lodge from which he was suspended, then he shall furnish a certificate from a Medical Examiner of the Lodge of the Order nearest his residence; whereupon the application shall be referred to a committee, who shall investigate his character, and the condition of his health, and report at the next convention, or as soon thereafter as practicable, after which time the applicant shall be balloted for by secret ball ballot, and if no more than three black balls appear, he shall forthwith be declared re-instated, and shall become a member of the Lodge from that date, but if more than three black balls appear, then he shall be declared rejected, and the money accompanying his application shall be returned to him, and no further application from him shall be received or considered for the space of six months thereafter.

FOR CAUSE.

SEC. 3. A member who has been suspended for any cause other than the violation of the criminal laws of the land, shall, at the expiration of the term of his suspension, regain his membership without any action on the part of the Lodge and as fully as though he had not been suspended; provided, he has not in the meantime been suspended for the non-payment of dues, in which case he can only be re-instated upon application and payment of the amount charged against him, as in the case of any other member suspended for non-payment of dues.

PERMISSION FOR.

SEC. 4. Any member suspended for violation of the criminal laws of the land cannot be re-instated at any time, except by permission of the Grand Lodge, or of the Grand Chancellor during recess. For such purpose, the member must present to the Lodge his application for re-instatement, which application must be forwarded to the Grand Chancellor or Grand Lodge, together with a statement signed by the Chancellor, Commander, and attested by the Keeper of Records and Seal, and under the seal of the Lodge, setting forth the general nature and character of the offence for which the member was suspended, and the extent of the penalty imposed.

Permission is given for the re-instatement of the member, it shall be transmitted to the Lodge in writing, under the seal of the Grand Lodge or Grand Chancellor. The Lodge shall then notify the applicant, who must then present the certificate of the Medical Examiner of the Lodge, or if the member be without the jurisdiction of the Lodge, then of the Medical Examiner of some other Lodge, as to his health, and all dues, fines and assessments charged against him, upon the applicant shall be balloted for by secret ballot, and if no more than three black balls appear, he shall be declared re-instated, and shall become a member of the Lodge from that date, but if more than three black balls appear, he shall be declared rejected, and no further application from him shall be received or considered by the Lodge; provided, that if the member has been suspended for non-payment of dues during his suspension for cause, he shall pay, before being balloted for, the amount of dues, fines and assessments that would have been charged against him had he not been so suspended.

ARTICLE IX.—BENEFITS.

MINIMUM.

SEC. 1. Lodges shall provide for carrying into effect the beneficial character of the Order, by providing for the payment of weekly benefits in case of disability, and funeral benefits in case of the death of a member; provided, that weekly benefits shall not be less than one dollar per week, nor funeral benefits less than twenty dollars, subject to these restrictions each Lodge shall have the right to regulate the amount of weekly and funeral benefits to be paid by such Lodge.

WEEKLY BENEFITS.

SEC. 2. Every Knight who is not indebted to his Lodge for dues, fines and assessments, or either, in a sum equal to the amount of three months' dues, and who is otherwise in good standing in his Lodge, in case of disability which prevents him from attending to his usual business, or occupation, or otherwise earning a livelihood, shall be entitled to receive from his Lodge, during such disability, weekly benefits as the

By-Laws of the Lodge may specify; provided, that such disability is not the result of immoral or criminal conduct, or of some disease or constitutional infirmity which existed at the time of his admission to the Lodge, and which was then known to him and purposely concealed from the Lodge and the examining physician.

ABSENTEES.

SEC. 3. In cases of the disability of any member absent from the jurisdiction of the Lodge, or who cannot for any reason, be visited by the Visiting Committee, a statement of his condition and the nature, extent and duration of his disability, signed by a Chancellor Commander of a Lodge of the Order, who has knowledge of the facts, or by any reputable physician, shall be *prima facie* evidence of the facts therein stated, and in the absence of any other evidence or information, will be sufficient to entitle the member to weekly benefits, if it shows that his disability is sufficient to prevent him from attending to his usual business or other occupation, or otherwise earning a livelihood; provided he is not in arrears, as hereinbefore provided, and is otherwise in good standing, and made application for his benefits within three months after the commencement of his disability, either over his own signature or through someone authorized to represent him.

PAYMENT.

SEC. 4. Payment of weekly benefits may be made to the member, or to his wife in his lifetime, and after his death to his widow, if there be one, and if there be no widow, then the payment may be made to the heirs of the deceased member, and the receipt of any such person shall be a full and complete discharge and acquittance of the Lodge of all claims and demands against it on account thereof.

REPORTING SICK.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of every brother on ascertaining that a member is sick or in distress, to report the same to some member of the Visiting Committee, or to the Lodge at the next regular convention thereafter.

VISITING COMMITTEE.

SEC. 6. The Chancellor Commander, Vice Chancellor, Master of Exchequer, and four other members of the Lodge shall constitute a visiting committee. They shall visit the sick and perform such other duties connected therewith as the laws and customs of the Order or the By-Laws of the Lodge may require. The Lodge shall so arrange the days of visiting that the Chancellor Commander shall visit upon the day of the meeting of the Lodge, and the Vice-Chancellor on the day preceding, and the Master of Exchequer on the day after the meeting of the Lodge.

FUNERAL BENEFITS.

SEC. 7. Upon the death of a Knight who, at the time of his death is not in arrears to his Lodge for dues, fines or assessments, or either, in a sum equal to three months' dues, and who is otherwise in good standing, there shall be appropriated from the funds of the Lodge such sum as the By-Laws of a Lodge provide for a funeral benefit, which sum shall be used to defray the funeral expenses of the deceased, if the Lodge takes charge of the funeral; otherwise such sum (and also any residue remaining after payment of the funeral expenses, when the Lodge takes charge of the funeral) shall be paid to the widow of such deceased member if there be one, and if there be no widow then to his minor children or the person having the lawful charge of them, and if there be no widow or minor children, then to any other member of his family dependent on him for support, and if there be no widow or minor children, or member of his family dependent upon him for support, then such sum shall only be used to defray the expenses of the funeral, and then only in case the Lodge shall have the charge and management thereof.

FOR WIFE OF MEMBER.

SEC. 8. Lodges may also by By-Law provide that in case of the death of a member's wife he shall receive a sum to be fixed by the By-Law as a funeral benefit; but this provision is not obligatory upon the Lodge.

CLASSIFICATION OF BENEFITS.

SEC. 9. The Lodge may classify its benefits above the minimum rates herein specified, prescribe the probationary period during which minimum benefits only shall be paid, and fix the time when full weekly benefits shall commence. Every member of a Lodge upon attaining the rank of Knight is entitled to the minimum benefit.

FAILURE TO RECEIVE BENEFITS.

SEC. 10. A member claiming benefits and failing to receive the same, shall within four weeks appeal to the Lodge for them, when a committee of five shall be appointed to investigate the matter, three to be appointed by the Chancellor Commander and two by the Vice-Chancellor, none of whom shall be members of the Relief Committee. This Committee shall be appointed at the session when the appeal is made, and shall report at the next regular session, at which time action by the Lodge shall be taken upon the report.

GOOD STANDING.

SEC. 11. A member shall be in good standing who is not in arrears for dues, fines, assessments or funeral tax, or under charges or suspension.

ARTICLE X.—WITHDRAWAL CARD.

APPLICATION FOR.

SEC. 1. Application for withdrawal cards shall be made personally or in writing to the Lodge, and a card thereupon shall be granted; provided, the brother is clear of the books, free from charges made or pending, and there be no other valid objection. If objection be offered, the objection shall be at once stated, and if not sustained by a majority vote of the members present, the card shall be granted unless formal charges be preferred.

EFFECT OF.

SEC. 2. When a withdrawal card is granted, it severs the connection of the applicant with the Lodge, whether the

card is taken or not; but the applicant taking his card shall be entitled to the semi-annual password for the term, and the privilege to visit thereon for the unexpired term in which the card is taken.

REVOCATION OF.

SEC. 3. Any withdrawal card may be revoked by a Lodge granting the same, or ordered vacated by the proper Grand Lodge, or Grand Chancellor, at any time, for cause appearing; and when so revoked for the purpose of impeachment or trial, the person holding such card shall again become subject to the Lodge which issued the same, in so far as concerns such impeachment or trial. Refusal to comply with proper citations in this connection shall constitute contempt, and may be punished as provided in Sec. 2, Art. XII., or upon conviction under charges preferred, as provided in Art. XIII.

RENEWAL OF.

SEC. 4. A withdrawal card can be renewed if lost or destroyed accidentally, and satisfactory evidence adduced from the holder and applicant by the Lodge having granted the same, and upon such terms as the Lodge may determine.

FEE FOR.

SEC. 5. The fee for withdrawal cards may be fixed by the Lodge; provided, that it shall not be less than one dollar.

ARTICLE XI.—TRAVELLING SHIELD.

HOW TO OBTAIN.

SEC. 1. Travelling shields shall be applied for in open Lodge; dues must be paid for the full time stated in the shield.

FEE FOR.

SEC. 2. The fee for the travelling shield shall be fixed by the Lodge; provided, that the same shall not be less than fifty cents.

ARTICLE XII.—RETURNS AND DUES OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

WHEN TO BE MADE.

SEC. 1. At the end of each semi-annual term, which shall close June 30th and December 31st, every Subordinate Lodge shall pay to the Grand Lodge as dues, for every member who has attained the rank of Knight, such per capita tax as the Grand Lodge may determine at its annual session; the number of members shall be shown on the report. Each Subordinate Lodge shall make a correct and true report of its business of the year, by forwarding to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, upon a blank furnished by him for that purpose, the number admitted by initiation, by card and reinstatement, and the name of each, the name and number of those rejected, the number suspended and cause thereof, the total number per last report, and of what rank; the name and number of deceased and their rank, making a complete report of additions and deductions, giving present number of members and their rank; with names of each Past Grand Chancellor and Past Chancellor entitled to a seat in the Grand Lodge. The number of brothers relieved and the amount paid for relief, the number of widowed families relieved, and the amount paid, the amount paid for funeral benefits, general current expenses, and per capita tax, making a total amount of disbursements for every cause. They shall also give the amounts received for initiations, for ranks, and for dues; the amount of money on hand and invested, and the source of investment, making a full and complete report of the financial condition of the Lodge.

PER CAPITA TAX.

SEC. 2. An order for the per capita tax must be drawn previous to the ceremony of installation. The reports of the Lodge shall be signed by the Chancellor Commander, and attested by the Keeper of Records and Seal, and seal of the Lodge attached, and forwarded to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, on or before July 31st and January 31st; any Subordinate Lodge failing or neglecting to forward its returns and certificates as above specified, shall lose its representation in the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE XIII.—SEAL.

USE OF.

SEC. 1. Each Lodge shall have an official seal with appropriate device, which shall be affixed to withdrawal cards, certificates, and other official documents, emanating from the Lodge, and papers issued by and under the authority of the Lodge, an impression of which seal shall be deposited in the office of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

ARTICLE XIV.—OFFENCES.

WHAT ARE.

SEC. 1. Any member violating any of the obligations, established principles, laws, rules or regulations of the Order, disregarding the requirements of the Constitution or By-Laws; disclosing the secret transactions of the Lodge; divulging the name of a brother who has reported or voted unfavorably on an applicant, or opposed his becoming a member; feigning himself sick or disabled; practising, aiding, or abetting any other misrepresentation, false pretenses or fraud; guilty of habitual drunkenness, gambling, immoral or criminal conduct of any kind; entering the Lodge under the influence of intoxicating liquor; using profane or other improper language in or about the Lodge room; wilfully persisting in disturbing the peaceful and harmonious workings of the Lodge, or refusing to obey the presiding officer, or persisting in any political or religious discussion in the Lodge after having twice been called to order by the Chancellor Commander, shall be subject, upon conviction thereof, to such punishment as the Lodge may determine upon, in accordance with the "Code of Procedure;" provided, however, that this article shall not apply to cases of fines not exceeding one dollar, imposed under a By-Law of a Lodge, for neglect of any duty required by any such By-Law or by the laws of the Order, nor to a fine imposed for contempt under Sec. 2 of this article.

CONTEMPT.

SEC. 2. Every member is bound faithfully and punctually to attend, when summoned by the Lodge, Grand Lodge, or any committee or officer thereof, and any member evading

the receipt of any notices, or neglecting to attend at the time and place specified, or to continue his attendance until released, shall be reported to the Lodge, and such member shall forthwith be notified, in writing, signed by the Chancellor Commander, and attested by the Keeper of Records and Seal, and the seal of the Lodge, to show cause why he should not be punished for contempt, and if at the next regular meeting thereafter such member does not appear, or present a good and sufficient excuse for his conduct (unless prevented by sickness or unavoidable absence, from being present) he may, by a two-thirds vote of all the members present, be adjudged guilty of contempt, and may be punished by such fine as the members present may determine; provided, that no such fine shall exceed ten (10) dollars.

DISPUTES, ETC.

SEC. 3. Disputes, difficulties and grievances between members of the Lodge, may be specified in writing to the Chancellor Commander, who shall refer the matter to a committee of three members of the Knight Rank, whose duty it shall be to examine the parties, the proofs and witnesses, fairly and impartially, and report their decision to him, to be communicated to the parties, when, should the dissatisfaction continue, the Chancellor Commander shall present the whole matter to the Lodge, which may, by a two-thirds vote of all the members present, either approve the report of such committee, or require the complainant to prefer charges against the member complained of, or dismiss the entire matter; provided, however, that a member alleging a dispute, difficulty or grievance against another, and which cannot be substantiated, or shall be proven false or malicious, may be punished by fine or suspension upon conviction thereof, after a trial had, upon charges preferred in accordance with the "Code of Procedure" as a disturber of the peace and harmony of the Lodge.

ARTICLE XV.

CHARGES UNDER THE PENAL PROVISIONS.

SEC. 1. Charges or complaints made against members of the Lodge, under the penal provisions of the laws, rules and

regulations, shall be reduced to writing, and distinctly state the cause, on or about the time and place of occurrence, such charges and complaints to be presented to the Lodge at a regular session thereof, read, received, and laid over to the next meeting of the Lodge; and the Keeper of Records and Seal, if possible, shall personally serve the accused with a copy thereof, otherwise a service at his last known place of residence shall be sufficient, and also with notice that the matter will be taken up at the next session of the Lodge (giving day and date), when a committee of five members in good standing shall be appointed, a Chancellor Commander, or Vice-Chancellor, preferring charges shall not be qualified to appoint, but his portion of the committee shall be selected by the Lodge; neither shall any member preferring charges serve upon a committee of trial, nor shall any member of such committee be permitted to act as a witness.

EXAMINATIONS, EVIDENCE, ETC.

SEC. 2. The committee to whom a charge has been referred, shall hold a meeting as soon as possible thereafter, and organize by selecting a chairman and secretary; when the committee shall issue notices to the accused and accuser, giving them at least five days notice of time and place of meeting such committee of trial, when the accused and accuser shall be present and have the privilege of being represented by a member of the Order in good standing (having the Rank of Knight), to act as Counsel, when the charges shall be read, and the accused required to plead to the same. Should the accused plead guilty, the committee shall report as hereinafter directed. Should the plea be not guilty, the committee shall immediately proceed to hear the evidence in the case. No other person other than the above named and the witnesses giving evidence, shall be allowed to be present during any meeting of the committee. The committee shall keep a correct journal of the proceedings, reduce the testimony received to writing, and have it signed by the witness in the order it was received. After having received all the evidence and proofs presented, a written report of the findings as to the guilt, or innocence of the accused, together with the recommendations of the committee in the case, the journal of their proceedings, and the testimony received shall be pre-

presented to the Lodge at the second meeting thereafter. Should an accused member plead guilty, the committee shall present a report to the Lodge at its next session, with their recommendations in the case.

EVIDENCE AND WITNESSES.

SEC. 3.—1. The evidence competent to be admitted before the Committee of Trial shall be:—

(a) Parol evidence (i.e.) testimony of living witnesses before the committee.

(b) Depositions, procured as hereinafter set forth.

(c) Regularly certified minutes of Lodges.

(d) Regularly proven documentary evidence. Hearsay evidence cannot be received, the wife of the accused cannot be permitted to testify. The committee will determine the admissibility of evidence offered, subject to exception by either party. The exceptions so taken shall be noted by the committee upon its minutes.

2. Members of the Order shall testify under their obligations as Knights, according to "Form F," to be administered by the chairman of the committee, after which the witness will sign the form as well as the testimony as taken, subject to any alteration and correction necessary as the witness may say will be in conformity with his knowledge of the facts as therein contained, upon his honor as a Knight.

3. Depositions of absent witnesses shall be procured by interrogatories and cross-interrogatories, in the following manner, subject to objection by either party, to be determined by the committee.

Whenever a Lodge or member thereof, when prosecuting or defending a charge, or any person authorized to introduce testimony in any proceeding, shall desire to take the testimony of a witness whose personal presence cannot be had before the tribunal trying the charge, his deposition may be taken in the following manner:—The party desiring to take the deposition shall file with the Keeper of Records and Seal of the Lodge of which the accused is a member, the interrogatories, in duplicate, he wishes to propound to the witness or witnesses, naming them. The Keeper of Records and Seal shall immediately deliver or cause to be delivered, to the opposite

party a copy of the interrogatories. The latter party, within one week from such service, may file counter-interrogatories with the Keeper of Records and Seal, if he or they think proper. At the expiration of the week, or sooner if counter-interrogatories be sooner filed, the Keeper of Records and Seal shall forthwith forward them to the Chancellor Commander of a Lodge, near the witness, with a communication requesting him to take the deposition of the witness or witnesses named, or to have the same done by some competent member of the Order, after obligating the witness according to "Form F," the witness will sign the same, he will then cause every interrogatory to be propounded to the witness, and the answer to each reduced to writing in the presence of the witness, and when the deposition is completed, cause the witness to sign the same; he shall also be requested to certify to the same having been duly taken, verifying such certificate by the seal of the Lodge. A deposition thus taken and certified, may be read in evidence in the cause to which it relates.

While in other jurisdictions the request to take a deposition can and should only be asked as a knightly courtesy, in the Grand Jurisdiction of British Columbia, it is the duty of the Chancellor Commander of any Lodge to whom such request to take a deposition may come, cheerfully to perform the labor with promptness and dispatch, and return at once the deposition so taken to the Lodge from which the request issued.

4. The attendance of witnesses must be procured by the party desiring to call them.

5. Any member of the Order refusing or neglecting to give evidence or produce documentary evidence in his possession, upon the application of the party requiring his testimony shall then be required by the committee to give such evidence, and if he still refuses, after being so required by the committee to give or produce such evidence, he shall be reported to his Lodge, which Lodge shall take such action as they may deem necessary to compel the production of such evidence.

DECISION OF THE LODGE.

Sec. 3. At the next regular meeting of the Lodge the report of the Committee shall be considered, and none but

members of the Lodge shall be permitted to speak on the question. A vote shall be taken, the question being, first, shall the Lodge adopt the findings of the committee, as to the guilt or innocence of the accused, which shall be decided by a majority vote; second, shall the recommendation of the committee stand as the judgment of the Lodge; should the recommendation be to remove an officer, fine or suspend a member, it shall require a two-thirds vote; the vote in each case to be by the ball-ballot. An officer under charge in a Subordinate Lodge shall not continue to fill his position during his trial.

PUNISHMENT.

1. If such charge or charges be sustained, in whole or in part, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present; the accused member shall retire to the ante-chamber. The Keeper of Records and Seal shall then read to the Lodge the charge or charges, or part or parts thereof, which have been sustained, when the Chancellor Commander shall, upon motion, proceed to put to vote the highest order of punishment known to the laws is agreed upon, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present. A Lodge having found a brother guilty, must affix some punishment recognized by the laws of the Order, and to this end, if the vote shall have been taken on all the forms of punishment without the requisite vote in favor of either, the Chancellor Commander shall commence again with the highest order of punishment, and, if need be, go through again, and so continue until some order of punishment be affixed.

EXPULSION.

2. When the gravity of an offence will justify, a Lodge may impose the penalty of expulsion.

SUSPENSION.

3. Whenever the Lodge may determine upon suspension, a motion may be made to fix the time, and two amendments be offered thereto, which shall be decided without debate. The Chancellor Commander, upon receiving said motions, shall put them to vote, commencing with the longest period of time therein named. If neither be agreed to, a second

motion may be made, and two amendments permitted thereto, which shall be put to vote in like manner, and the Lodge shall so proceed until some period of time for suspension is fixed.

FINE.

4. If the Lodge shall decide to punish by fine, the same course shall be adopted in determining the amount thereof as is above provided in fixing the time of suspension; and in either case, of determining the amount of fine or fixing the time of suspension, a majority of members present shall decide.

COMMUNICATING DECISION.

5. When the Lodge has determined upon the order of punishment, and in case of suspension or fine, fixed the time and amount thereof, the accused shall be called in, and the decision communicated to him by the Chancellor Commander. If absent, the same shall be forwarded to the accused by the Keeper of Records and Seal, signed by the Chancellor Commander and certified to by the Keeper of Records and Seal, under the seal of the Lodge.

REPRIMAND.

6. Whenever the Lodge shall decide upon a reprimand, such reprimand shall be administered in open Lodge by the Chancellor Commander, or some Past Chancellor appointed by him for that purpose.

CONFESSION OF GUILT.

7. If a member acknowledges his guilt upon charges preferred, the penalty may be imposed without trial. The Lodge *should* hear testimony upon a plea of guilty, as well to determine the extent of the offence on the one hand, as to ascertain the mitigating circumstances on the other.

SUBSEQUENT TRIALS.

8. There is nothing in the laws or usages of the Order, to prevent the same complaint being made against a Brother more than once for the same offence if a trial has not been had; but when a trial has taken place on any complaint, another charge for the same offence cannot be entertained.

REMOVING DISABILITIES.

9. A Lodge may, upon the discovery of new evidence, mitigating circumstances, or in case of an excessive punishment, when a member is suspended for a definite period, terminate the same, provided a positive majority of two-thirds of the members present shall vote in favor of such termination, after one week's previous notice thereof has been given in the Lodge.

RE-INSTATEMENT.

10. A member whose suspension shall be so terminated, shall be restored to all his rights and privileges as a member, without other action; but shall not be entitled to any claims originating his suspension.

TRIAL MUST PROCEED.

11. A trial cannot be dismissed after a committee appointed to investigate a complaint against a brother has reported the charge, and the Keeper of Records and Seal ordered to notify the offending brother to appear for trial.

APPEAL.

SEC. 4. An appeal may be taken from the action or decision of any Lodge to the Grand Lodge or Grand Chancellor, by any member of such Lodge, or by any other person whose rights have been denied by such action or decision, upon giving written notice to such Lodge within four weeks from and after such action or decision, together with such sum of money as the Keeper of Records and Seal may estimate the cost of copying will amount to at current rates. Whereupon, the Keeper of Records and Seal shall, within thirty days thereafter, transmit to the Grand Lodge a certified copy of all the testimony taken upon such trial, together with a certified copy of all the papers, records and proceedings taken and used therein; and the Grand Lodge shall, at its next annual session thereafter, dispose of the said appeal upon its merits, without regard to technical errors in the proceedings, and according to the rights in the matter. With the consent of the Grand Lodge an appeal may be taken by any Lodge or member under its jurisdiction, from any action or decision of

each Grand Lodge, to the Supreme Lodge of the World, provided, however, that such consent shall not be necessary when a suspended or dissolved Lodge, after having surrendered to its Grand Lodge all its effects, books and property, appeals from such decision; but the judgment of the Subordinate or Grand Lodge unappealed from, or a judgment in the Supreme Lodge shall be binding and final, and no brother shall thereafter resort to the civil courts for a remedy.

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION.

SEC. 5. No notice of the suspension of a brother, under the penal laws, shall be transmitted to the Lodges in the jurisdiction, or to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, until after the time for appeal has expired, and where an appeal is taken no such notice shall be transmitted until the appeal shall have been passed upon by the Grand Lodge or the Committee on Appeals and Grievances during recess, and approved by the Grand Chancellor, as provided by the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge.

EFFECT OF CHARGES.

SEC. 6. A member under charges shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership, except that of holding office and except the right to a withdrawal card, but in case a member is found guilty and appeals to the Grand Lodge or Grand Chancellor, he shall not during the pendency of the appeal have the right to vote, nor shall he be entitled to the semi-annual password, nor shall he be eligible to election to any office, and if he be a Past Chancellor he shall not be eligible to election as Representative to the Grand Lodge, and in case of death or disability during the pendency of the charges or the appeal, he shall not receive any benefits, but in such case the amount of his benefits, if any, shall be placed to his credit, and if he be finally acquitted or the charges dismissed the amount thereof, less any indebtedness due from him to the Lodge, shall be paid to him or the person entitled thereto; but in case he is finally convicted or found guilty and suffer punishment of suspension, the amount of such benefits shall be retained by the Lodge.

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CONSTRUCTION OF THE LAWS.

SEC. 7. Whenever any question shall arise in a Subordin-
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eral laws of the Order, the same shall be referred for decision
to the Grand Chancellor.

TRIALS AND APPEALS.

The following practical Forms may be used as required :

- A. Form of accusation.
- B. Form of notice to parties interested.
- C. Form of notice to Committee of Trial.
- D. Form of citation of accused.
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FORM A.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

JURISDICTION OF.....

Castle Hall of.....Lodge, No.....

Charge and specification of charge preferred by (name of
accuser) against (name of accused) a (a rank in the Order) and
a member of.....Lodge, No.....

I (name of accuser) a member in good standing of.....
Lodge, No.....do hereby charge (name of accused) a member
of.....Lodge, No.....with "conduct unbecoming"
Knight of Pythias," as set forth in the following articles of
impeachment.

Charge 1. (Here state the cause of complaint.)

Specification 1. In this, that on or about the.....day
of.....A.D. 189., and of the Pythian Period the.....
the (city or town) Province of.....the said (name of accused)
did (here state exact item of complaint).

(Signature of accuser).....
.....A.D. 189., and of the Pythian
Period of.....

FORM B.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

JURISDICTION OF

.....Lodge, No.....

.....A.D., 189..

And of the Pythian Period the....

To.....

You being a party interested in the case of (name of
accuser) against (name of accused) are hereby notified to
appear at (place of meeting) No.....Street, in (city
or town) on (day or week) the.....day of.....
A.D., 189., and of the Pythian Period, the.....at.....
o'clock in the.....noon, at which time and place (here state
for what purpose). Hereof fail not.

[L.S.] (Signature of proper officer)

FORM C.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

JURISDICTION OF

.....Lodge, No.....

.....A.D., 189..

And of the Pythian Period the....

To.....

Sir and Brother—It is my duty to notify you of your
appointment as a member of a Committee on Trial in the
case of.....against.....

Associated with you on this Committee are Brothers:

.....

Your attention is called to Code of Procedure.

[L.S.].....K. of R. and S.

FORM D.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

JURISDICTION OF

Lodge, No.

To
We command you, that you appear before us, the Committee of Trial, at (name of place of meeting) No. Street, in (city or town) on (day of week) the day of A.D., 189 ..., and of the Pythian Period, the at o'clock, in the noon, then and there to answer to the charge and specifications preferred against you by (name of accuser.)

Fail not of appearance at your peril.

Witness (signature in his own hand) Chairman of said Committee of Trial, and seal of said Lodge, No. at (city or town) this the day of A.D., 189 ..., and of the Pythian Period, the

[L.S.]

Recorder.

Return of Service of foregoing citation.

A.D. 189

and of the Pythian Period, the

To the Committee of Trial—I have cited the within named accused to appear and answer as directed, by serving on him the *original*, of which the within is a true copy.

Said service was made (here state whether in person or by mail).

Recorder.

a FORM E.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

JURISDICTION OF

Lodge, No.

To
We command you (name of witness) that you appear before us, the Committee of Trial, at (name of hall, if any) No. Street, in (city or town) on (day of week) the day of A.D. 189 ..., and of the Pythian Period, the at o'clock, in the noon, and from day to day, until discharged, then and there to give evidence of what you know in the case of (name of accuser) against (name of accused).

Hereof fail not at your peril.

Witness (signature in own hand) Chairman of Committee
of Trial, and the seal of the said Lodge, No....
at this the day of A.D. 189..., and
of the Pythian Period, the.....

[L. S.]

Recorder.

Return of service of foregoing summons.

..... A.D. 189..

and of the Pythian Period, the....

To the Committee of Trial - I have summoned the within
named witness to appear and give evidence, by serving on
him a true copy of this summons.

..... Recorder.

FORM F.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

JURISDICTION OF.....

..... Lodge, No....

I (name of witness), a member and a..... in Rank, in good
standing on the Roster of..... Lodge, No.... Knights of
Pythias, of (city or town), of..... county of and
Grand Jurisdiction of..... hereby depose, declare and
say, that the statements about to be made by me in the case
of (name of accuser) against (name of accused) now before
and under examination by, the authority before whom I am
now about to testify, are true in effect, free from prejudice or
personal feeling, and prompted only from a desire to see evil
corrected, abuses remedied, the laws carried out, and justice
done; to all of which I affirm on my HONOR as a KNIGHT,
under the penalties of the laws, and my obligations as a mem-
ber of the Order of Knights of Pythias.

(Signature of witness).....

FORM G.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

JURISDICTION OF.....

..... Lodge, No....

To.....

Chancellor Commander..... Lodge, No....

Greeting:

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Assured of your prudence and fidelity, we do by these presents, empower and request you to take the Deposition of to be used in a case now pending in our Lodge, of (name of accuser) against (name of accused), and at a certain time, to be by you appointed, to cause the deponent to come before you, and carefully examine him in answer to the interrogatories hereunto annexed, and reduce the examination, or cause the same to be reduced to writing, in your presence; and after such deposition shall thus be reduced to writing, it shall be carefully read to or by the deponent, and shall then be signed by him, and certified by yourself and the Seal of Lodge, No.

You will take such deposition in a place separate and apart from all other persons, and permit no person to be present during such examination, except the deponent and yourself, and such disinterested person as you may think fit to appoint, to assist you in reducing the deposition to writing, and you shall put the several interrogatories and cross-interrogatories to the deponent in their order, and take the answer of the deponent to each, fully and clearly, before proceeding to the next, and not read to the deponent, nor permit the deponent to read a succeeding interrogatory until the answer to the proceeding one has been fully taken down.

Of this our commission, with your doings by warrant of the same, you will make return under seal to our said Lodge with all convenient expedition.

Witness (signature in own hand) Chancellor Commander our said Lodge, and the seal thereof, at on this the day of A.D. 189..., and of the Pythian Period, the.....

[L.S.]

..... K. of R. and S.

FORM H.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

JURISDICTION OF.....

..... Lodge, No.

..... A.D. 189...

..... and of the Pythian Period, the.....

To.....

It is my duty to notify you of the result of the trial, in the case in which you were defendant, which is as follows:

Charge 1st (here state result).

Specification 1st (here state result).

Penalty adjudged (here give penalty in full).

[U.S.]

K. of R. and S.

FORM J.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

JURISDICTION OF.....

A.D. 189...

and of the Pythian Period, the.....

To the Grand Lodge:

I hereby most respectfully appeal from the decision of
.....Lodge, No., in the case of (name of accuser) against
(name of accused), under the charge and specifications as set
forth in the papers hereto annexed, and base my appeal upon
the following grounds:

(Here state full reason for appeal.)

(Signature of appellant)

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

JURISDICTION OF.....

Lodge, No.

This is to certify that (names of Committee of Trial or
counsel) members in good standing, have been regularly ap-
pointed by this Lodge as Committee of Trial or counsel) there-
for in the case of (name of accuser) against (name of accused),
and are legally qualified to represent this Lodge before your
Committee.

Witness (signature in your own hand) Chancellor Com-
mander of our said Lodge, and the Seal thereof, at (city or
town) on this the.....day of.....A.D. 188..., and of the
Pythian Period, the.....

[U.S.]

K. of R. and S.

FORM K.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

JURISDICTION OF.....

Lodge, No.

Your Committee of Trial hereby respectfully report that a proper and legal summons was served in the usual manner on Brother..... of..... Lodge, No....., directing him to appear before us and give evidence in the case of..... against....., but the said Brother has disregarded the same and has failed to appear as commanded.

Attest : Chairman Committee of Trial.
..... Recorder.

..... A.D. 189.....
and the Pythian Period, the.....

FORM L.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.
JURISDICTION OF.....

To..... Lodge, No.....
Brethren—A proper and legal summons having been served upon Brother..... a member of your Lodge, directing him to appear before a Committee of Trial of this Lodge, and give evidence in case now pending before them, and the said Brother having disregarded the summons, and thus far failed to appear as commanded, it becomes our duty to submit his case to you for such action as will enforce his attendance before said Committee, or that otherwise you may take proper measures for the punishment of the contempt evinced in his evasion of the summons.

Witness our hand and the Seal of.....
Lodge, No....., affixed at.....
this the..... day of..... A.D. 189.....
and of the Pythian Period, the.....

..... K. of R. and S., C.C.

FORM M.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.
JURISDICTION OF.....

To..... Lodge, No.....
Greeting: A certain charge, a copy of which accompanies.....

This request, having been preferred against Brother, a member of this Lodge, it is our wish for the following reasons (here state reasons in full) that you conduct a trial in the case of the aforesaid accused Brother, and we hereby request that in our behalf you will take charge of the case and proceed with the trial in form as prescribed by the Code of Procedure of this Jurisdiction.

Witness our hand and the Seal of
Lodge, No., affixed at
[L. S.] this the day of A.D. 189
and of the Pythian Period, the, C.C.
Attest :, K. of R. and S.

The above request is approved.
., G.C.
A.D. 189
and of the Pythian Period, the

FORM N.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.
JURISDICTION OF

To Lodge, No.
Greeting: Touching the matter of the case of
removed to our cognizance at your request, bearing date
we caused the accused to appear before our regularly appointed
Committee of Trial, and after a full and impartial hearing
the result reached was as follows :

Charge 1st. (Here state result.)
Specification 1st. (Here state result.)

The papers in the case, together with the register of evidence and copy from our records of the proceedings in the matter, duly attested, are herewith transmitted.

Witness our hand and the seal of
Lodge, No., affixed at
[L. S.] this the day of A.D. 189
and of the Pythian Period, the, C.C.
Attest :, K. of R. and S.

FORM O.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.
JURISDICTION OF.....

.....Lodge, No.....
.....A.D. 189..
and of the Pythian Period, the.....

To.....

A certain accusation having been preferred against
a member of this Lodge, and which is now being investigated,
and it having been shown to the Committee of Trial that your
evidence will be of importance to the case, we respectfully
request that you will appear before us, the Committee of Trial
(name of hall), No..... Street, in (city or town) on
(day of the week) the..... day of....., A.D. 189., at
..... o'clock in the..... noon, and then and there to com-
municate any facts bearing upon the case that may be within
your knowledge.

[L.S.]

..... Chairman Committee.

....., Recorder.

ARTICLE XVI.—GENERAL PROVISIONS.

BY-LAWS.

SEC. 1. Each Subordinate Lodge shall have power to
establish such By-Laws as it may deem necessary for its own
government, provided they do not conflict with the Constitu-
tion of the Supreme Lodge, the Constitution or By-Laws of
the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, or this Constitution.

DUTY OF LODGES.

SEC. 2. All Lodges shall enforce a strict adherence to the
work of the Order, according to the forms furnished by the
Supreme and Grand Lodges, and they shall neither adopt nor
use any other other charges, lectures, degrees, forms of in-
stalation, ceremonies or regalia, than those prescribed in the
Ritual and Laws of the Supreme Lodge, and provided by the
Grand Lodge; and no Lodge shall permit any political or
religious discussion in the Lodge at any time.

SUSPENSION FOR A LONGER PERIOD THAN ONE YEAR.

SEC. 3. A member suspended for a criminal violation of the laws of the land, or for a longer period than one year for the violation of the laws of the Order, cannot be re-instated except by permission of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Chancellor during recess, upon application setting forth the cause or causes for which the member was suspended, together with the grounds upon which he makes his application for reinstatement, properly certified to by the officers of the Lodge of which he was a member, with the seal of the Lodge affixed.

PRINTING CONSTITUTION.

SEC. 4. In order to avoid errors and to obtain uniformity, the Lodges are prohibited from printing copies of this Constitution, or the amendments thereto, but the same shall be printed by the Grand Lodge, of a convenient size and style to be bound with the By-Laws, and certified as correct by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal; and he shall furnish the same to the Lodges in such numbers as may be required, at a price to be fixed by the Grand Lodge, or the Executive Committee, which shall be ten per cent. above the actual cost thereof to the Grand Lodge.

AMENDMENTS.

SEC. 5. No alterations, amendments or additions shall be made to, nor anything taken from, this Constitution, unless first presented to the Grand Lodge at an annual session, and adopted by a vote of a majority of the members present entitled to vote; and whenever such amendment is made, it shall be the duty of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal to furnish a printed copy thereof, certified by him as correct, to each of the Lodges in the Jurisdiction, and to furnish the Lodges with such numbers thereof as may be required, upon payment of the price fixed therefor.

Considered in Committee of the Whole, approved and adopted.

C. L. BEHNSEN, G.C.

JAS. CROSSAN, G.K. of R. & S.

Vancouver, B.C., May 21st, 1891.



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